

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREDICTING AGGREGATE
BEHAVIOR USING ON-LINE INTEREST DATA**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of predicting aggregate behavior of a population is provided. A
5 modeling system configured to model aggregate behavior of a population as a function of
aggregate on-line interest data is provided. The on-line interest data is based on passive
observation of on-line behavior of a subpopulation, wherein the on-line behavior is related to,
but different than, the behavior to be modeled, and wherein the subpopulation comprises a
subset of the population. On-line interest data related to a subject is input to the modeling
10 system. A prediction of aggregate behavior related to the subject is generated with the
modeling system.

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